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CLEAN '17 PROGRAM TO BEGIN ZONE 5

(KILLEEN, TEXAS): The City of Killeen will begin Zone 5 of its Clean '17 program Monday. Zone 5 is the area from Interstate 14 north to Rancier Avenue and from WS Young Drive east to Roy Reynolds Drive plus the area south of Rancier and east of Roy Reynolds to the city limits.

Clean '17 is a program to beautify our community by concentrating code enforcement efforts by area. The city has been divided into nine zones, and officers are canvassing each zone for approximately 30 days to identify code violations at businesses, residences and lots. The goal is to gain compliance with City codes by notifying property owners and tenants of violations and procedures and resources for correcting them.

Codes are enacted to provide for the health and safety of the public and to protect private property value. Common residential code violations are junk vehicles, high grass, care of premises, trash and graffiti. Commercial code violations include the same categories along with property maintenance, signage, parking lots and dumpster areas.

Residents are encouraged to learn more about City codes at KilleenTexas.gov and to abate issues that exist on their properties prior to zone enforcement. Violations in Zone 5 or other parts of the city can be reported online or by calling 501-7608.

Zone 4 Update:

Work in Zone 4, the area from Stan Schlueter Loop north to the Fort Hood boundary and from State Highway 195 west to the Fort Hood boundary, began in May and is substantially complete. Officers performed 1,172 inspections and identified 1,197 violations, most of which were care of premises and high grass and weeds. Most property owners voluntarily complied, so only 11 citations were issued.

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